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SUBJECT: BOUMEDIENNE UNDERSTANDS PHILIPPINE POSITION ON MUSLIM  
REBELLION?

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REF: A) MANILA 3367 B) MANILA 3159

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1. ACCORDING ACCOUNT FROM PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY  
(PNA) ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE TOLD VISITING PHILIPPINE  
FIRST LADY ON MARCH 18 THAT ALGERIA SUPPORTS PHILIPPINE EFFORT  
TO SOLVE MINDANAO PROBLEM THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. MRS. MARCOS  
SAID SHE FOUND BOUMEDIENNE IN "FULL ACCORD WITH HER HUSBAND'S  
STAND AGAINST PERMITTING MUSLIM REBELS TO DISMEMBER THE  
NATION." SHE REPORTEDLY GAVE BOUMEDIENNE PERSONAL LETTER  
FROM MARCOS AND FULL BRIEFING ON JIDDAH TALKS WITH MORO  
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2. BOUMEDIENNE ALLEGED TO HAVE STATED THAT GOP DESIRE TO HAVE TALKS RESUME IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES WAS REASONABLE. PNA CLAIMS HE ALSO 1) ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HANDLING OF PHILIPPINE MUSLIM REBELLION IN ARAB PRESS HAD BEEN "SENSATIONAL", 2) REFERRED TO A "SMEAR CAMPAIGN" BEING WAGED AGAINST GOP, AND 3) SAID GOP SHOULD BE GIVEN CHANCE TO ATTEND NEXT ISLAMIC (FOREIGN MINISTERS) CONFERENCE AS PARTICIPANT OR OBSERVER. ACCORDING PNA HE ALSO WARNED AGAINST SUPER POWERS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MINDANAO CONFLICT TO ADVANCE OWN INTERESTS.

3. FIRST LADY REPORTEDLY EXTENDED INVITATION TO BOUMEDIENNE TO VISIT PHILIPPINES. HIS REPLY APPARENTLY NONCOMMITAL.

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4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: AS IN CASE OF EARLIER FIRST LADY'S MEETINGS WITH SADAT (REF B) WE ASSUME THAT THIS ACCOUNT IS ONE-SIDED AND PROBABLY LESS THAN ACCURATE. AS PUBLICIZED IN PHILIPPINE PRESS IT IS INTENDED TO CREATE IMPRESSION THAT RESPONSIBLE MUSLIM STATES DO NOT SUPPORT SOUTHERN "SECESSIONISTS".

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5. DEPT MAY WISH TO TRANSMIT TELEGRAPHICALLY WHEN MINIMIZE PERMITS.

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